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Report Date: <b>01/21/14</b>		Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>Compton Patrol Station</b>		Admin. Invest? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: <b>014-00960-2814-055</b>		Date: <b>01/21/14</b>		Time: <b>1440 Hrs.</b>	
City or Station: <b>Compton</b>		Nature of Incident: <b>Dep. Fuentes was in foot pursuit of an armed suspect. Suspect turned toward Dep. Fuentes with gun in his hand and Dep. Fuentes fired 1 round, no hit. Suspect is in custody.</b>			
Location: <b>W. Magnolia St. Compton</b>					
Location Type (check one or more): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Freeway <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Street Other: <b>Apartments</b>		Lighting (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Darkness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daylight <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Street Lights  Weather (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain  Distance: <b>15-20 Feet</b>		Incident Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fleeing Suspect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Take Away <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Sniper/Ambush <input type="checkbox"/> Startle <input type="checkbox"/> Struggle Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Service <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Shot Other:	
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: <b>1</b>		Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: <b>0</b>		Initiated by (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> One Person Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Search Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Two Person Unit  Prior Activity (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Detective <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine Patrol  Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more):	
	<b>Ebbinga</b>	<b>Kurtis</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more):	
				<input type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Jabari</b>	<b>A.</b>		
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
	<b>Walk</b>	<b>Kevin</b>			

<b>PSTD Use Only</b>	
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Involved Employee									
<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name			Fuentes		First Name		M.I.
	Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>H</b>	Rank: <b>Deputy</b>		Unit Assignment: <b>Compton Patrol</b>		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>South Patrol Division</b>		
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8</b>		Duty Time (hrs): <b>10</b>		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:		
	Age: <b>36</b>	Height: <b>508</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uniform w/ Vest				
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
	Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>	Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Prior Shootings: <b>0</b>	Directed Force: <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Weapons Fired Brand: <b>SW, MMP</b>		Caliber: <b>9mm</b>	# Shots: <b>1</b>	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:	
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name			First Name		M.I.		
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:		
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>
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	Age:	Height:	Weight:		<input type="checkbox"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform w/ Vest				
	Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:				
	Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>	Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force: <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:	
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name			First Name		M.I.		
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:		Unit Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:		
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	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:	
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
	Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		

# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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Suspect Information				
S 1	Last Name Santos		First Name Martin M.I. J	
	AKA Last Name		First Name M.I.	
	Sex: M Race: Hispanic	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code: Ca
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: 19 D.O.B. 6/19/94	Height: 509 Weight: 170	FBI #:	CI #:
	Booking # 3840344	Primary Charge: 245(d)(2) PC	Secondary Charge: 148 PC	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:
S	Last Name		First Name M.I.	
	AKA Last Name		First Name M.I.	
	Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CI #:
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>	Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:
S	Last Name		First Name M.I.	
	AKA Last Name		First Name M.I.	
	Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CI #:
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
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	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:
S	Last Name		First Name M.I.	
	AKA Last Name		First Name M.I.	
	Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CI #:
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
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	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>	Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

# **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**



**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY  
DEPUTY INVOLVED NON-HIT SHOOTING**

**IAB SH2349118  
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Sergeants Mark Lopez and Richard Martinez of the Internal Affairs Bureau, along with Lieutenant Michael Berg, responded to Compton Station regarding a deputy-involved non-hit shooting. Investigators learned the following:

At approximately 1440 hours on January 21, 2014, Compton Deputies Fuentes and [REDACTED] (281B, two-man unit) observed two male individuals in an alley south of Magnolia Street. The alley location is known for gang activity like loitering and vandalism by the local street gang "Tortilla Flats." Based on their observations and knowledge of the location, both deputies decided to contact the individuals. Deputies Fuentes (the bookman) exited the vehicle first. One of the males (Suspect Santos) looked in their direction and ran eastbound through the alley and northbound on Acacia Avenue. The deputies chased the suspect believing he had a weapon or some sort of contraband. Deputy Fuentes followed on foot and Deputy [REDACTED] drove just behind Deputy Fuentes. The foot pursuit went northbound Acacia Avenue and then onto westbound Magnolia Street. Deputy Fuentes gave several commands for the suspect to stop running and show them his hands. Deputy Fuentes told Deputy [REDACTED] to set up a containment.

On Magnolia Street the suspect continued to ignore commands to stop running. The suspect grabbed and held his waistband which lead deputies to believe he was armed. Deputy Fuentes maintained a distance of 15 to 30 feet behind the suspect and Deputy [REDACTED] followed behind Deputy Fuentes. Deputy [REDACTED] made a radio broadcast that a 417 suspect (armed suspect) was running westbound on Magnolia Street from Acacia Avenue. The radio broadcast was made approximately 10 seconds after initially contacting the suspect.

The suspect ran northbound down a driveway at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy [REDACTED] parked his patrol vehicle in front of [REDACTED] Magnolia. Both deputies ran northbound down the driveway at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy Fuentes stated he followed the suspect to the rear of apartment complex because he believed the suspect was armed and it was the middle of the day and there was a possibility that kids were playing in the back yard.

As the suspect rounded the rear corner of the apartments and into the rear carport area, the deputies lost sight of him for approximately two seconds. The deputies tactically approached the rear corner of the apartments by utilizing a "cutting the pie" technique to safely clear the rear carport.



**IAB Note:** For copies of photos of the foot pursuit locations refer to ***Exhibit A***, photos 1-11.

As the suspect ran westbound, Deputy Fuentes and Civilian Witness [REDACTED] saw Suspect Santos with a gun in his right hand. Deputy Fuentes was approximately 20 to 25 feet from the suspect when he saw the gun in the suspect's right hand. Witness [REDACTED] made his observations from the rear yard just east of the location, at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street.

The suspect continued to run to the rear northwest corner of the carport and ran northbound into a space between the carport and a cinder block wall. The small narrow area contained four large trash cans. The deputies continued to follow the suspect to the rear west side of the property.

When the deputies got to the west rear portion of the property, they heard Suspect Santos moving the trash cans. The deputies saw Suspect Santos try to hide behind several trash cans. The deputies ordered the suspect to show them his hands and get on the ground. The suspect did not comply, he climbed the cinder block wall, straddled it and turned toward the deputies with his gun in hand pointed in their direction. Believing he could be shot, Deputy Fuentes fired one round from his duty weapon, missing the suspect. Deputy [REDACTED] was just to left of Deputy Fuentes, he saw Suspect Santos point the gun at them but did not shoot because he felt Deputy Fuentes was too close to him and he did not think it was safe. The shot struck the cinder block wall and ricocheted off into a metal wrought iron wall at the top of the fence. Both the bullet round and shell casing were recovered. Deputy Fuentes was approximately 15-20 feet away from the suspect at the time he fired. For copies of photos of the shooting scene refer to ***Exhibit A***, photos 12-33.

Suspect Santos immediately fell to the west on the other side of the wall. Deputies initially had no idea if Suspect Santos had been shot. Deputies heard movement on the other side of the wall and Deputy [REDACTED] saw Suspect Santos run westbound through the rear yard of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy Fuentes looked over the wall and saw Suspect Santos' black pistol on the ground near the location where Suspect Santos fell.

The deputies ran southbound out of the backyard and out onto Magnolia Street and Deputy [REDACTED] ran westbound on the sidewalk and saw Suspect Santos inside the gate at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy [REDACTED] did not see anything in Santos' hands. Deputy [REDACTED] ordered Suspect Santos to exit the property with his hands up. Suspect Santos complied with Deputy [REDACTED] orders and exited the front perimeter gate. Deputy [REDACTED] ordered Suspect Santos to lie on the ground and Suspect Santos complied. Deputy [REDACTED] made a radio broadcast that a shooting had occurred and they were detaining the suspect at gunpoint. This broadcast was made approximately 40 seconds after the initial radio broadcast.

Deputy Fuentes stood on the sidewalk just outside of [REDACTED] west side gate door so he could keep an eye on Suspect Santos' tossed gun and cover his partner if he needed to. Assisting Deputy Richards arrived on scene within seconds of the broadcast and assisted Deputy [REDACTED] in handcuffing Suspect Santos. For copies of photos of the scene refer to **Exhibit A**, photos 34-67. The total distance of the deputies foot pursuit from the contact in the alley to where the shooting occurred was approximately 150 yards.

Following the incident, the deputies immediately requested paramedics as a precaution. Compton Fire Engine #441, under the command of Captain Sim responded. Suspect Santos was checked and released at the scene. Suspect Santos sustained no injuries nor did he claim he was injured. No deputies were injured. The force used and witnessed was reported to Sergeant Kurtis Ebbinga.

**IAB Note:** For a copy of the Foot Pursuit Evaluation Form completed by Sergeant Ebbinga, refer to **Exhibit B**.

Suspect Santos' handgun was recovered at the location where the suspect jumped over the wall. The weapon was a semi-auto 9mm, blue steel, PW Arms Redman, "Czech Republic", serial [REDACTED]. The weapon contained 12 rounds in the magazine and none in the chamber. Refer to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Lab Supplementary Report for Evidence Collected and Booked **Exhibit C**.

Operation Safe Street (OSS) Detective [REDACTED] responded and took over the criminal investigation. Deputies Fuentes and [REDACTED] wrote supplemental reports regarding the force used and forced witnessed. The neighborhood where the incident occurred was canvassed for witnesses by Compton Station Deputy G. Rodriguez. There was one witness located who observed the incident (Witness [REDACTED]). As for the several people who were at home, they did not see or hear anything. Refer to **Exhibit D**, for the Incident Report and Supplemental Reports regarding this criminal case.

Suspect Santos was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators approximately six hours after his arrest. Suspect Santos stated approximately fifteen minutes prior to coming in contact with deputies he found a backpack by a tree somewhere on Aranbe Street in Compton. Suspect Santos took the backpack to his "homeboys" house and discovered there was a black pistol inside. Suspect Santos placed the pistol in his right front waistband area. A short time later Suspect Santos saw the deputies in the alley and ran from them because he had the gun and a warrant for his arrest.

Suspect Santos stated when he ran from the deputies he did not hear them tell him to stop. When he got to the rear of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street, he removed his gun from his waistband and tossed it over the fence.

Suspect Santos stated he then jumped up onto the wall. He straddled the wall and saw a deputy point his gun at him. Suspect Santos told the deputy "No, no, no," and saw the deputy shoot one round at him. Suspect Santos immediately fell to the west side of the wall.

Suspect Santos then got up and continued westbound over a wall then went southbound towards Magnolia Street. Suspect Santos saw Deputy [REDACTED] and complied with his commands and was taken into custody on the sidewalk at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street, without further incident. Suspect Santos admitted to being a gang member from "Tortilla Flats" since 2010, and having the moniker of [REDACTED]

On January 23, 2013, OSS Investigator [REDACTED] filed her case in Compton Superior Court. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed three Felony charges (Assault on a Peace Officer with a Semiautomatic Firearm X's two, Unlawful Firearm Activity) and two Misdemeanor charges (Resist, Obstruct, Delay of Peace Officer X's two) against Suspect Santos. For a copy of Los Angeles County Court Filing, refer to ***Exhibit E***.

On September 11, 2014, Suspect Santos pled Nolo Contendere to Assault with a Firearm on a Peace Officer, PC 245 (D)(1). Suspect Santos received nine years in State Prison.

#### **INVOLVED PERSONNEL:**

**FUENTES**, Miguel Deputy [REDACTED]  
South Patrol Division  
Compton Patrol Station

#### **EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

##### **FUENTES, MIGUEL**

Date of Employment	<u>5/23/2005</u>
Date assigned to Patrol	<u>1/15/2010</u>
Completed Patrol Training	[REDACTED]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	<u>0</u>
Prior Founded Force Incidents	<u>0</u>

**SUSPECT:**

**Santos, Martin** MH/19 Booking # 3840344

Suspect Santos is an admitted documented gang member from the Compton Street Gang "Tortilla Flats." He has a criminal background. A check of the CCHRS (Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System) revealed that Suspect Santos (CII# [REDACTED]) has been booked [REDACTED] (including [REDACTED])

*Exhibit D.*

**WITNESSES:**

**Sworn:**

[REDACTED] Deputy [REDACTED]  
South Patrol Division  
Compton Patrol Station

**Civilian:**

[REDACTED] MH/ [REDACTED]  
Ph# (C) [REDACTED]

**INJURIES:**

Suspect was not hit in this incident; no injuries were sustained.

No deputies were injured.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

Physical Evidence was gathered at the crime scene(s) and processed by the Crime Lab. One bullet and one casing belonging to Deputy Fuentes recovered on the ground in the trash can area. The Crime Lab photos are located in **Exhibit A** Refer to Crime Lab report for the collection of evidence **Exhibit E**.

## INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

The physical evidence at the shooting scene (positions of the deputy's shell casings, position of the suspect, the suspect's gun, evidence recovered at the scene) appeared to be consistent with the deputies versions of the events.

Refer to **Exhibit A**, crime scene photos and for observations.

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

### Deputy Fuentes, Miguel

Departmental-issued Smith & Wesson, model M&P, 9mm semiautomatic pistol; 1 round of duty issue 9mm ammunition fired. Deputy Fuentes carried his weapon with 18 rounds in the magazine. For additional information, refer to the Crime Lab examination of Fuentes's weapon (**Exhibit F, Lab receipt K483780** ).

## WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect Santos used a Ruger, semi-automatic, pistol, model "Czech Republic", serial [REDACTED] loaded with one magazine containing twelve live 9mm rounds. The pistol was located and recovered lying on the ground in the rear of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Refer to **Exhibit A, photos 33-37**. There were no fired rounds, nor recovered shell casings.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE:

The following private property was damaged:

Bullet strike/miscellaneous minor damage rear perimeter block wall:

One bullet ricochet off of the rear perimeter block wall. No hole made.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:

Investigator's Name	Detective [REDACTED] (OSS)
Court	Compton Superior Court
Charges Filed	245 (d)(2) PC, 29820 (b) PC, 148(a)(1) PC
Court Date	1/23/2014
Case Number	TA131738

On January 23, 2013, a felony charge of Assault on a Peace Officer with semiautomatic firearm, 245(d)(2) PC was filed on Suspect Santos under case #TA131738.

On September 11, 2014, Suspect Santos pled nolo contendere to Assault on a Peace Officer with a Firearm, 245(d)(1) PC, and received a nine-year prison sentence.

#### **LIGHTING OR WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

The incident occurred during the daylight hours. The weather was clear and cool.

#### **INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:**

##### **Deputy Fuentes, Miguel**

Deputy Fuentes was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Mark Lopez and Jose J. Garcia on November 5, 2014, 1526 hrs. Deputy Fuentes was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters from Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of his interview. For his complete verbatim interview, see the attached transcripts included in the IAB case book in the transcription section.

Deputy Fuentes stated he and his partner Deputy [REDACTED] traveled east in the east/west alley of [REDACTED]. Deputy Fuentes was the passenger and Deputy [REDACTED] was the driver. Deputy Fuentes saw two males in alley at the rear of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Both individuals were standing at the rear wrought iron gate looking into the apartment courtyard. Deputy Fuentes knew this area to be notorious for gang vandalism and loitering by "Tortilla Flats" gang members.

Deputy Fuentes wanted to contact the individuals to see if they were involved in any criminal activity. As Deputy [REDACTED] drove up and came within 15 to 20 feet of the individuals, Deputy Fuentes exited the patrol vehicle and saw Suspect Santos look in their direction and run eastbound toward Acacia Avenue.

Deputy Fuentes stated it was predetermined between him and his partner that when they have to get out of the patrol vehicle for business, the passenger deputy changes his portable frequency to Metro-Compton (L-Tac) and the driver deputy stays on Dispatch 9.

Deputy Fuentes pursued Suspect Santos on foot eastbound in the alley toward Acacia Avenue. Deputy Fuentes followed Suspect Santos because he believed Suspect Santos was armed or possibly in possession of illegal contraband. Deputy Fuentes followed Suspect Santos northbound on Acacia Avenue and westbound Magnolia Street.

Deputy Fuentes believed that was where he told his partner to put out a containment broadcast. Deputy Fuentes ordered Suspect Santos to stop several times but Suspect Santos did not comply. Deputy Fuentes also observed Suspect Santos reaching for his front waistband as if he was armed. Deputy Fuentes estimated the distance between him and Suspect Santos was about 25 to 30 feet.

As Deputy Fuentes ran westbound on Magnolia Street, he told Deputy [REDACTED] who was following behind him in the patrol vehicle, that Suspect Santos was armed with a firearm based on his furtive movements to his waistband.

Deputy Fuentes saw Suspect Santos run northbound down the driveway at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. When Deputy Fuentes arrived at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street, his partner Deputy [REDACTED] parked their patrol vehicle in front of the location and joined Deputy Fuentes. Deputy Fuentes told Deputy [REDACTED] to put out the emergency radio traffic.

Both deputies continued northbound down the driveway, losing sight of Suspect Santos for a couple of seconds. Deputy Fuentes stated he continued to follow Suspect Santos because there was a good chance kids were playing in the backyard and he did not want to lose sight of the suspect.

Deputy Fuentes stated he and his partner tactically "cut the pie" as they rounded the corner looking for Suspect Santos. Deputy Fuentes stated he got a quick look at Suspect Santos and saw that he had his right hand on the grip of a handgun. Deputy Fuentes then lost sight of Suspect Santos who continued northbound to a rear alcove at the rear of the property.

Deputy Fuentes stated he continued to follow Suspect Santos because he did not want to lose sight of an armed suspect knowing the surrounding apartments were likely to be occupied with kids. Deputy Fuentes stated he heard Suspect Santos move the large trash cans around as he traveled through the alcove area (5.10 Ft X 26.0 Ft). Deputy Fuentes stated he and his partner, who was on his left, "cut the pie" once again as they looked into the alcove area. Deputy Fuentes saw Suspect Santos again behind a trash can which was approximately 15 to 20 feet away.

Deputy Fuentes stated he and his partner yelled out verbal commands for Suspect Santos to show them his hands and get on the ground. Suspect Santos did not comply and pulled himself up onto the brick wall and straddled it in a sitting position. Deputy Fuentes saw Suspect Santos remove a black handgun from his waistband and point the gun in their direction. Deputy Fuentes, in fear for his life and the life of his partner, picked up his front sight and shot once at Suspect Santos. Deputy Fuentes stated he aimed toward the area on Suspect Santos where he was holding the gun.



Deputy Fuentes stated he heard Suspect Santos make some unknown noise and fall to the west side of the wall. Deputy Fuentes then heard Suspect Santos run westbound. Deputy Fuentes looked over the wall and saw that Suspect Santos had left his firearm behind. Deputy Fuentes was asked if he remembered what was his backdrop when he shot at Suspect Santos. Deputy Fuentes stated he saw a large tree and some bushes.

Deputy Fuentes followed Deputy [REDACTED] southbound to the sidewalk on Magnolia Street. Deputy Fuentes saw his partner Deputy [REDACTED] continue westbound on the sidewalk. Deputy Fuentes stayed on the sidewalk at the east side of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy Fuentes stated he stayed there in order to keep an eye on Suspect Santos' gun and keep an eye on his partner. Deputy Fuentes mentioned how quickly evidence can disappear when you are in a gang-friendly area.

Deputy Fuentes stated within seconds he heard his partner Deputy [REDACTED] give commands to Suspect Santos for him to come out with his hands up. Suspect Santos came out to the street with his hands up and laid on the ground. Deputy [REDACTED] and a Compton Station assisting unit handcuffed Suspect Santos without further incident.

Deputy Fuentes estimated he gave Suspect Santos 15 to 20 commands to stop running. Deputy Fuentes was asked why he did not use the parked vehicle in the rear as cover as he addressed Suspect Santos (who was in the alcove behind the trash cans). Deputy Fuentes stated he may have assumed the vehicle was going to have debris on the ground around it, and did not want to trip as he had his eyes on the suspect with a gun.

## **WITNESS STATEMENTS:**

### **Civilian Witnesses**

On January 21, 2014, at approximately 1803 hours, IAB Sergeants Mark Lopez and Richard Martinez, interviewed [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED]) at Compton Sheriff's Station regarding an Officer Involved Shooting. The following is a summary of his interview. For his complete verbatim interview, see the attached transcripts included in the IAB case book in the transcription section.

Witness [REDACTED] stated he lived at [REDACTED] in Compton. At approximately 1420 hours Witness [REDACTED] stated he was [REDACTED] and saw a male (Suspect Santos) running in the backyard at [REDACTED] Magnolia St. Refer to **Exhibit A**, photo 15.

Witness [REDACTED] stated he saw two Deputy Sheriffs chasing Suspect Santos. Witness [REDACTED] stated he heard the deputies yell, "Stop and put the gun down."

Witness [REDACTED] stated he saw the male reach into his waistband and remove a black handgun. Witness [REDACTED] stated the male then ran northbound to the west rear of the garage carport and out of his view.

Witness [REDACTED] stated the two deputies followed the male and stopped just before they entered the west side of the carport. Witness [REDACTED] stated he clearly heard the deputies yell again, "Stop, put the gun down." He then heard a single gun shot and saw a black handgun in the air as if someone had tossed it up, just above the garage roof line.

Witness [REDACTED] stated he did not see who threw the gun into the air because of the garage wall. Witness [REDACTED] stated after the gunshot, he saw the deputies enter the side of the garage carport and he lost sight of them. Witness [REDACTED] stated he then went into his house because he got scared.

**IAB Note:** A canvass of the neighborhood was conducted by Compton Patrol Deputies for additional civilian witnesses. No additional witnesses were found.

#### **Deputy Witnesses**

Deputy [REDACTED] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Mark Lopez and Jose J. Garcia on November 5, 2014, 1350 hrs. Deputy [REDACTED] was represented by Attorney Amanda Waters from Green and Shinee. The following is a summary of his interview. For his complete verbatim interview, see the attached transcripts included in the IAB case book in the transcription section.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated he and his partner Deputy Fuentes traveled east in the east/west alley of [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] was the driver and Deputy Fuentes was the passenger. Deputy [REDACTED] saw two males in alley at the rear of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Both individuals were standing at the rear wrought iron gate looking into the apartment courtyard. Deputy [REDACTED] knew this area to be notorious for gang vandalism and loitering by "Tortilla Flats" gang members.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated he wanted to contact them to see if they lived at the apartment complex. Deputy [REDACTED] stated as he placed his patrol vehicle in park, one of the individuals (Suspect Santos) noticed their presence and immediately ran eastbound toward Acacia Avenue. Deputy [REDACTED] was not sure if Suspect Santos was a gang member because Santos did not have any obvious tattoos that he saw. Deputy [REDACTED] stated his partner Deputy Fuentes went in foot pursuit of Suspect Santos. Deputy [REDACTED] got into his patrol vehicle and followed Deputy Fuentes and Suspect Santos.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated he did not see anything in Suspect Santos' hands at this time. Deputy [REDACTED] stated the foot pursuit went from the alley to northbound Acacia Avenue to westbound [REDACTED].

Deputy [REDACTED] stated he stayed approximately five feet behind and to the right of Deputy Fuentes. Deputy [REDACTED] stated Suspect Santos and Deputy Fuentes traveled northbound on Acacia Avenue using the west sidewalk.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated Deputy Fuentes alerted him that the suspect was armed with a firearm when they went westbound on Magnolia Street. Within seconds Suspect Santos went northbound at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy [REDACTED] parked his patrol vehicle and met up with Deputy Fuentes who was at the entrance of the driveway. Deputy [REDACTED] put out radio traffic, he indicated that a suspect was running from them and he was on westbound on Magnolia from Acacia.

Deputy [REDACTED] ran northbound with Deputy Fuentes down the driveway at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he lost sight of Suspect Santos who ran westbound when he reached the end of the apartment building. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he and his partner "cut the pie" (cleared the corner safely) when they reached the end of the apartment complex. Deputy [REDACTED] stated he saw Suspect Santos run into an alcove area just west of the carport.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated he and his partner cleared the west carport alcove and saw Suspect Santos jump onto a perimeter block wall. As Suspect Santos straddled the block wall, he pointed a handgun at Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Fuentes. Deputy [REDACTED] stated his partner fired one round at Suspect [REDACTED]. Deputy [REDACTED] felt his life and the life of his partner was threatened by Suspect Santos but he did not shoot at Suspect Santos because his partner was ahead of him and to his right. Deputy [REDACTED] did not feel safe firing with Deputy Fuentes in that position.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated after Deputy Fuentes fired the shot, he saw Suspect Santos drop his firearm and immediately fall to the west side of the wall. Deputy [REDACTED] did not know if Suspect Santos was hit but soon after heard Suspect Santos run westbound through the rear yard at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy [REDACTED] ordered Suspect Santos to stop but Suspect Santos continued to run.

Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Fuentes ran southbound to the westside of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy [REDACTED] walked westbound on the north sidewalk trying to get a last seen location of Suspect Santos. Deputy [REDACTED] stated Deputy Fuentes stayed on the sidewalk at [REDACTED] Magnolia and kept an eye on him and the crime scene. Deputy [REDACTED] was not sure if Suspect Santos picked up his firearm or left it back where he fell. Deputy [REDACTED] did know it was important to make sure no one compromised the crime scene by removing any kind of evidence left behind by Suspect Santos.

As Deputy [REDACTED] walked westbound he saw Suspect Santos walking southbound down the driveway at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Deputy [REDACTED] ordered Suspect to exit the property with his hands up.

Suspect Santos complied and Deputy [REDACTED] had Suspect Santos lay down on the ground until an assisting deputy could help with the handcuffing of Suspect Santos.

Because Suspect Santos appeared to be cooperative, Deputy [REDACTED] thought it was safe to take one of his hands off of his gun and put out radio traffic. Deputy [REDACTED] announced that his unit was involved in an officer involved shooting. Deputy [REDACTED] was assisted by Deputy Richards [REDACTED] in the handcuffing of Suspect Santos.

Deputy [REDACTED] immediately requested Fire personnel to respond to treat Suspect Santos in case he sustained a gunshot wound. Compton Fire Engine #441 responded and did not observe any gunshot wounds and cleared Suspect Santos for booking.

Deputy [REDACTED] was shown **Exhibit A** photo 12, and asked why did he not use the parked black Honda as cover. Deputy [REDACTED] stated at the time he was following the suspect he was concentrating on the threat and did not see the vehicle. Deputy [REDACTED] stated looking back and seeing the photo, he wished he had taken a second to see the backyard and he stated he would have used the vehicle as cover.

#### **SUSPECT STATEMENT:**

On January 21, 2014, at approximately 2028 hours, IAB Sergeants Mark Lopez and Richard Martinez, interviewed Suspect Martin Santos (DOB 6-19-94) at Century Regional Detention Facility regarding an Officer Involved Shooting. The following is a summary of his interview. For his complete verbatim interview, see the attached transcripts included in the IAB case book in the transcription section.

Suspect Santos stated he was in the east/west alley of [REDACTED]. When he saw the deputies get out of their patrol vehicle, he ran eastbound to [REDACTED]. Suspect Santos ran because he had a warrant and a firearm in his waistband. Suspect Santos stated he found the firearm fifteen minutes before deputies showed up in the alley. Suspect Santos stated he saw a backpack hanging from a tree and took it. The backpack contained the firearm.

**IAB Note:** Suspect Santos added this was not the first time he illegally possessed a firearm. He had a .22 calibre pistol before, but his Probation Officer found it in a raid of his house.

Suspect Santos stated when he ran northbound on Acacia Avenue and westbound Magnolia Street, the deputies were quite a ways behind him. Suspect Santos stated he then ran northbound at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. When Suspect Santos got to the rear of [REDACTED] Magnolia Street, he looked back and did not see the deputies in the driveway.

Suspect Santos stated he ran to the rear west side of the property. He entered an alcove and saw that rear fence was too big for him to climb.

Suspect Santos stated he removed the firearm from his waistband and tossed it over the block wall to the west. Approximately five seconds later Suspect Santos heard a deputy tell him to stop. Suspect Santos jumped onto the wall and got stuck while he straddled the wall.

Suspect Santos stated he saw a Mexican deputy approximately 12 to 15 feet from him, with long hair combed to the side, point his firearm at him. Suspect Santos stated he told the deputy "No, no, no." The deputy shot at him once and Suspect Santos fell to the west side of the block wall. Suspect Santos stated he was not sure if he was hit because his legs felt shaky.

Suspect Santos continued to run westbound over another wall and went southbound at [REDACTED] Magnolia Street. Suspect Santos stated he gave up because his legs were shaky and he thought he was shot. Suspect Santos stated he came out with his hands up and laid on the ground.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS SECTION:**

None

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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: January 26, 2015

FROM:  STEPHEN JOHNSON, COMMANDER  
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

TO: MYRON JOHNSON, CAPTAIN  
COMPTON STATION

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number: SH2349118 – IV2372940

Incident: Non Hit Shooting

Incident Date: January 21, 2014

Unit: Compton Station


Suspect: Santos, Martin MH/ 06/19/94

Involved Employee: Deputy  # 

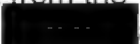
EFRC Date: January 15, 2015

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Stephen Johnson, Ralph Webb, and Patrick Maxwell met and reviewed the above case.

**FINDINGS:**

The EFRC determined the force used against the suspect was within Department policy. The EFRC also determined the tactics used during this incident were not within Department policy. Deputy  received a written reprimand.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The EFRC recommended the unit commander of Compton Station, Captain Myron Johnson, conduct a tactical debriefing of the incident. This debriefing is to include personnel from the Tactics and Survival Unit. The EFRC also recommended Deputy  attend an eight hour Tactics and Survival Class.

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DATE: January 26, 2015

FROM:  STEPHEN JOHNSON, COMMANDER  
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

TO: CHRIS BRACKPOOL, CAPTAIN  
OPERATION SAFE STREETS  
BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

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**FINDINGS:**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The EFRC recommended the unit commander of Operation Safe Streets Bureau, Captain Chris Brackpool, conduct a tactical debriefing of the incident. This debriefing is to include personnel from the Tactics and Survival Unit. The EFRC also recommended Deputy Fuentes attend an eight hour Tactics and Survival Class.

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DATE January 20, 2015

FILE NO. IV2372940

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCEFROM: MYRON JOHNSON, CAPTAIN  
COMPTON STATIONTO: [REDACTED] DEPUTY  
COMPTON STATIONSUBJECT: **WRITTEN REPRIMAND**

On or about January 21, 2014, while working as a patrol deputy at Compton Station, you failed to conform to the work standards established for your rank and exercise sound tactical practices when you pursued an armed suspect, as evidenced by, but not limited to:

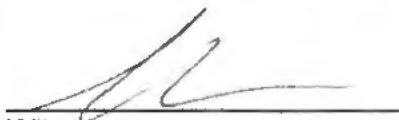
a) Failing to effectively communicate to the Sheriff's Communication Center and/or assisting deputy personnel that you were in foot pursuit of an armed suspect; and/or,

b) Failing to set a tactical containment in order to safely locate and arrest an armed suspect who you lost sight of on two occasions as you pursued him on foot.

Your actions violated the following section of the Manual of Policy and Procedures:

3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards

You are hereby reprimanded for your conduct in this incident and advised that any future violations of a similar nature may result in more severe discipline.

[REDACTED]  
# [REDACTED]01/20/15  
Date  
Witness LT. S. ESCOBEDO  
[REDACTED]01/20/15  
Date

Fuentes, M.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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DATE: January 20, 2015

FILE NO: IAB IV2372940

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM:

  
CHRIS L. BRACKPOOL, CAPTAIN  
OPERATION SAFE STREETS BUREAUTO: MIGUEL FUENTES, DEPUTY  
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Employee Signature/Date 01/20/15  
Supervisor Signature/Date 1-20-15